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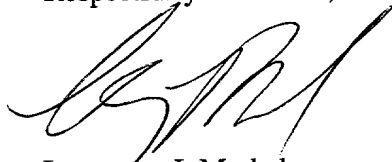
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- (a) A Submission of Formal Drawings.
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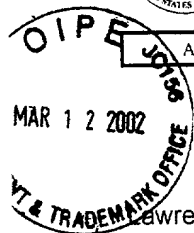


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The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
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SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

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Sir:

Applicant hereby submits the formal drawings for the above-referenced application and requests that these drawings (Figures 1-3B on 4 sheets) be accepted for filing.

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